

## **EKOenergy Newsletter, 3, 5 December 2012**

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### **1. New draft of the Criteria Text published**

The public consultation is over. We have been able to integrate many of the comments we got. Others will be followed up after launch of the standard (as we will continue to develop our criteria).

The Terms of Reference has now become the Criteria Text.

The latest version is downloadable on [www.ekoenergy.org](http://www.ekoenergy.org).

### **2. EKOenergy will launch a new website**

The project phase is over. We will take [www.res-e.org](http://www.res-e.org) out of use. As from today, we start planning a new website, which will become online in March 2013. If you want to help with the development of the website, please contact Riku Eskelinen ([riku.eskelinen@sll.fi](mailto:riku.eskelinen@sll.fi)). In the meantime we use a temporary website, suited to this transition phase. See [www.ekoenergy.org](http://www.ekoenergy.org).

### **3. International Volunteer Day**

Today is the International Volunteer Day (<http://www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday/>). EKOenergy wants to thank all its volunteers. The 3 volunteers at the secretariat, the 10's of volunteers that went numerous times through our texts, the 12 volunteers waiting to start translating our texts. EKOenergy, that's you.

### **4. EKOenergy is now on Facebook**

We launched our new Facebook fan site. Within the first 24 hours we got over 100 fans! The Facebook site will keep you updated about our latest developments. It will also publish interesting photos, illustrations, videos, inventions and news related to renewable energy and climate change.

Join the fan site now on [www.facebook.com/EKOenergyInternational](http://www.facebook.com/EKOenergyInternational)

### **5. Answers to frequently asked questions: 'Will this work?'**

During the public consultation some people asked us 'Will this or that solution that EKOenergy suggests work? Some of the solutions we suggest are indeed rather unusual and new. We think that they will be useful and this conviction is based on thorough research, 100s of interviews and 10 years of experience with energy labelling. Does that

mean that we are 100% sure and able to predict all outcome? No.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. No soccer without supporters, but no goals without players. We will learn by doing and constantly evaluate ourselves.

## **6. The EKOenergy Network gets new members**

The coalition is growing. EKOenergy is receiving a lot of positive feedback. During the last one week we got five new member NGOs. The NGOs who sign the founding agreement called Interim Agreement before 15 December will be the founding members of the new ecolabel.

The five new 'founding fathers' are:

- Wise, <http://groenestroomjagraag.nl/>, Netherlands
- Bluelink, <http://www.bluelink.net/>, Bulgaria
- EPER Center, <http://www.epercenter.org/>, Albania
- Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania, <http://www.inca-al.org/>, Albania
- Zaļā brīvība - Green Liberty, <http://www.zb-zeme.lv>, Latvia

The complete updated list of member organisations is here:

<http://www.ekoenergy.org/about-us/organization>

## **7. We are looking for candidates for the Advisory Group**

We invite energy and environment experts from all stakeholder groups to take part in the EKOenergy Advisory Group. The members of the Advisory Group will be actively informed about the Board's agenda, and can give input on any issue related to EKOenergy and its implementation. Contact us for more information.

## **8. Quote of the week**

In relation to guarantees of origin, to further empower consumers, clarifications by the Commission would be welcomed on the best way to achieve consistent application of fuel mix disclosure at EU level which ensures that consumers are provided with accurate and complete information on all fuel mix consumption within each Member State; Council conclusions on Renewable Energy, EU Council meeting, Brussels, 3 December 2012, [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/communication\\_2012\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/communication_2012_en.htm)

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